

# The Fort Tarry Historical Pageant

At Winnipeg  
May, 1920  
Celebrating  
The 250<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
of  
The Hudson's  
Bay Company



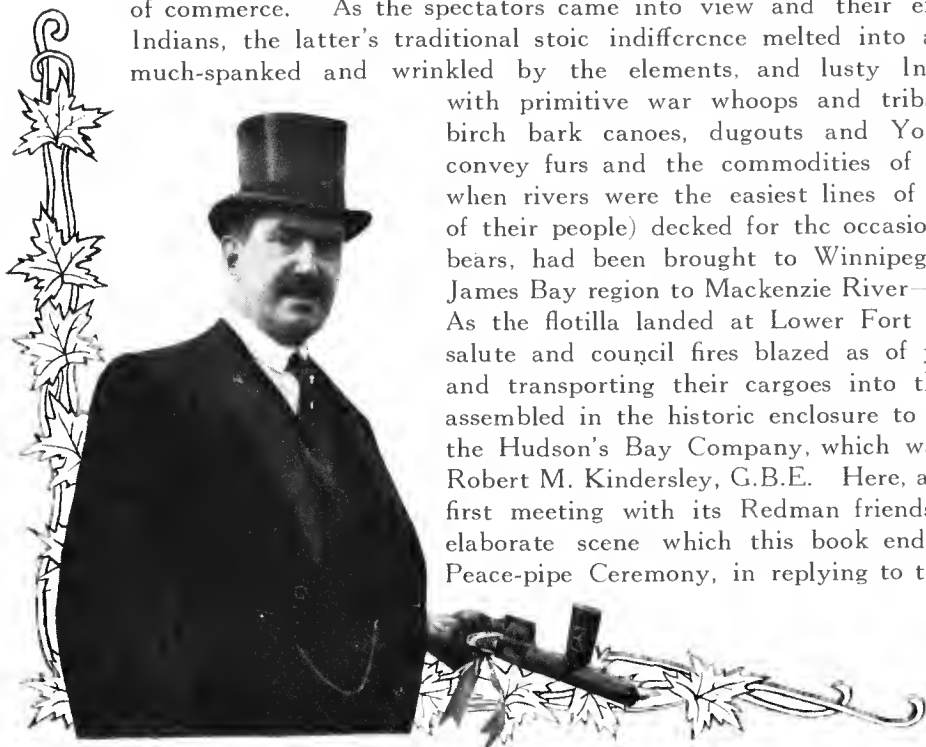
## *Celebrating a Friendship 250 Years Old!*

THE clear, sunlit morn of May 3rd, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty, saw borne upon the sparkling bosom of the old Red River through the heart of modern Winnipeg (which now rises on the site of Upper Fort Garry) a flotilla of

curious craft so unique as to be difficult of description by the modern tongue educated in Twentieth Century terms. A typical fur brigade, faithful in every detail to the primitive, prancing splendor of the days of this land's inhabitation by the bronze redman, rode serenely downstream toward its destination, Lower Fort Garry, twenty miles distant. This to the accompaniment of the voices of cheering thousands who lined the river banks and swarmed upon the massive bridges which span this old-time artery of commerce. As the spectators came into view and their enthusiastic applause reached the Indians, the latter's traditional stoic indifference melted into audible smiles on swarthy faces much-spanked and wrinkled by the elements, and lusty Indian throats replied vigorously

with primitive war whoops and tribal calls. In the brigade were birch bark canoes, dugouts and York boats exactly as employed in the early days to convey furs and the commodities of life throughout the interior of the Great North-West, when rivers were the easiest lines of communication. The Indians themselves (the chosen of their people) decked for the occasion in all the war paint, beads and feathers of their forbears, had been brought to Winnipeg from Hudson's Bay fur districts far and near—from James Bay region to Mackenzie River—for the occasion of the Company's fifth Golden Jubilee. As the flotilla landed at Lower Fort Garry the Company's cannon boomed out an echoing salute and council fires blazed as of yore. After returning the salute from their flint-locks and transporting their cargoes into the store-house of the big stone fort, the entire band assembled in the historic enclosure to pay their respects to, and re-pledge their friendship for, the Hudson's Bay Company, which was represented by its highest official, its Governor, Sir Robert M. Kindersley, G.B.E. Here, amid all the myriad associations recalling the Company's first meeting with its Redman friends of two hundred and fifty years ago, was staged the elaborate scene which this book endeavors to preserve in a pictorial way. During the Peace-pipe Ceremony, in replying to the addresses of welcome from fifteen tribal chieftains present, Sir Robert said:

"There has been peace and friendship between the Hudson's Bay Company and your tribes for two and a half centuries. May it continue forever."





Commencement of the  
Picturesque Pageant.



The Fur Brigade pass-  
ing beneath Provencher  
Bridge, Red River,  
Winnipeg.

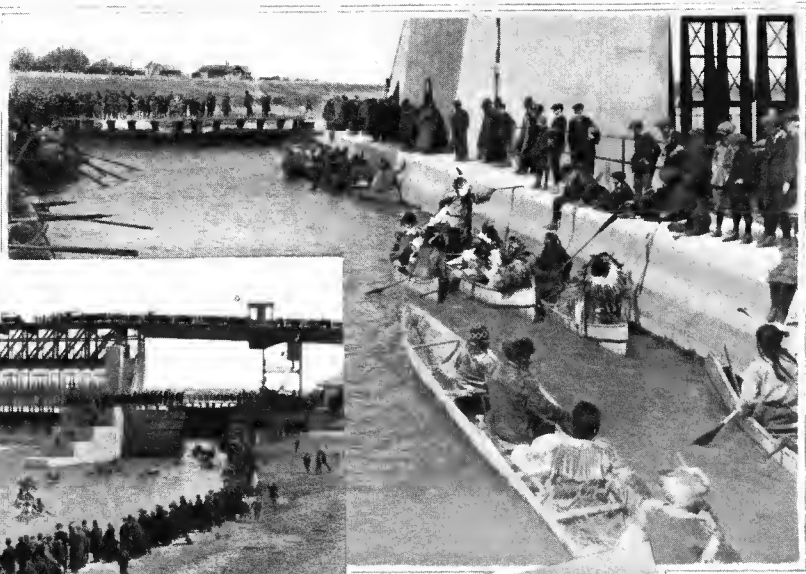


Close View of the unwieldy  
York Boats of Early Days.



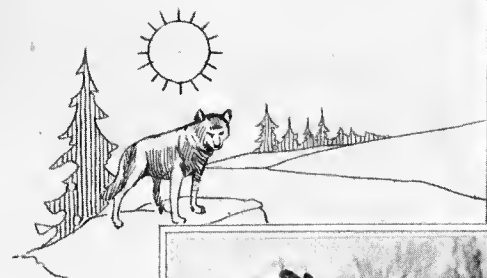
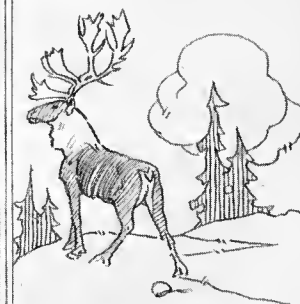


The Flotilla negotiates St. Andrew's Locks, en route to Lower Fort Garry.



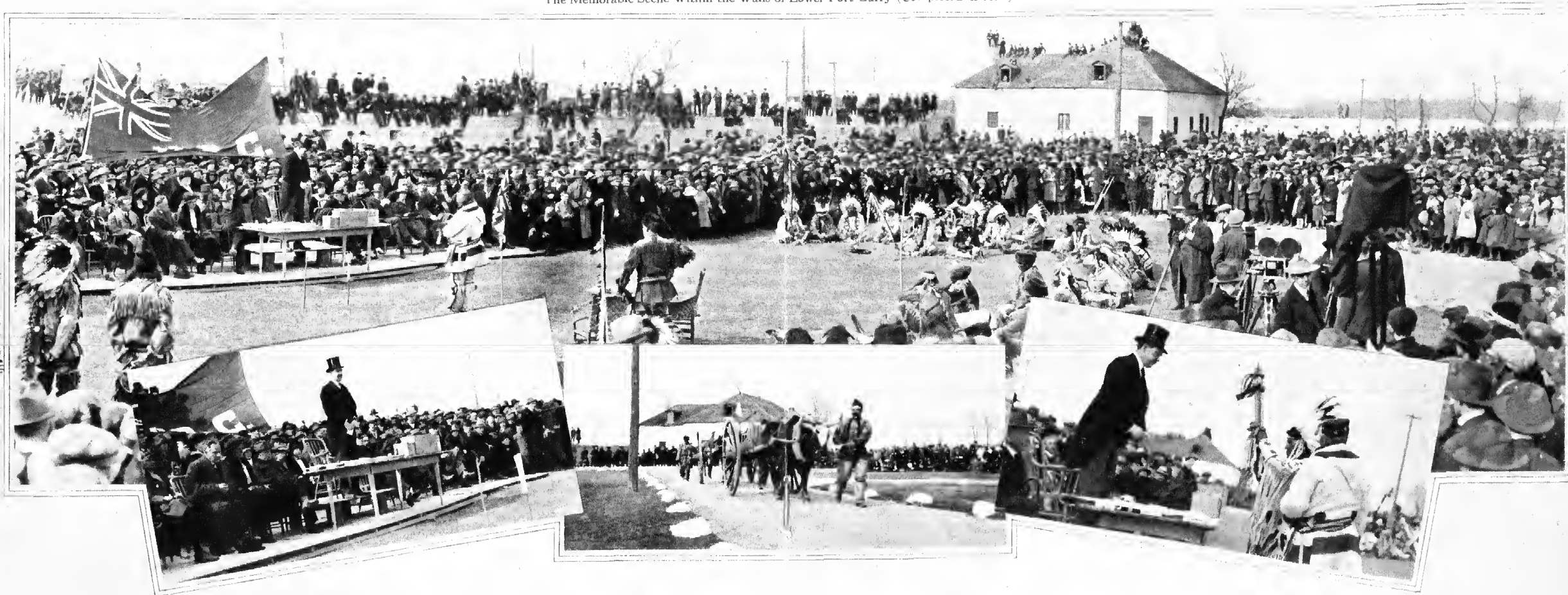


Central Picture: P. H. Godsell, The Hudson's Bay Company's Official who Superintended the Indian Department of the Pageant, surrounded by Stalwarts of many Native Tribes (Cree, Sioux and the rest) in their full regalia.





The Memorable Scene Within the Walls of Lower Fort Garry (Completed in 1831).



In the presence of a Huge Concourse of Spectators, Sir Robert M. Kindersley, G.B.E., Governor of The Hudson's Bay Company, Smoked the Pipe of Peace, Symbolic of Perpetual Friendship with the assembled Red Men.



Lower Centre: Note the Red River Carts and Oxen which Arrived by Road subsequent to the Landing of the Fur Brigade.

A Striking Contrast!—An Aeroplane Hovers Over Ancient Lower Fort Garry.



Glimpses Outside the Fort  
on May 3rd.



Curious Crowds Inspect  
Indian Teepee Village.

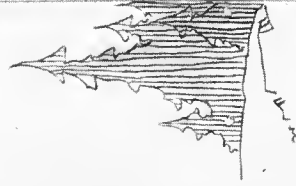
Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Guard.



Sir Robert Presenting Indians  
with Medals Commemorating  
the Occasion.



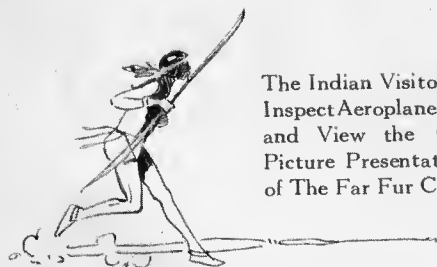




Outstanding Types of  
Native Costuming.



1920-Winnipeg's Automobiles  
Choked the Road Leading to  
the Entrance of the Fort.



The Indian Visitors are Feted. They  
Inspect Aeroplane, Ride in Automobiles  
and View the Company's Moving  
Picture Presentation, "The Romance  
of The Far Fur Country."







